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SHORTAGE OF POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is shortage of post offices in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of Gram Panchayats where post offices are available in the various districts of State particularlyin Hamirpur and Mahoba districts;

(c) the time limit fixed for providing this facility in every Gram Panchayats of the State

(d) the steps taken by the Government to speed up delivery of posts in rural areas ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)
(a) & (b) There are 18136 villages in Uttar Pradesh with a Post Office and 94668 villages without a Post Office.The number of Gram Panchayat Villages where Post Offices are available in the districts of Hamirpur and Mahoba are given below:

No. of Gram Panchayat Villages

Uttar Pradesh 17640 Hamirpr 132 Mahoba 78

(c) Expansion of Postal Network is taken up as a Plan activity under the Five -Year Plans. Each year Post Offices are opened as per the Annual Plan at places where when they are justified according to departmental norms. This is further subject to availability of funds sanctioning of required number of Posts by the Ministry of Finance.

(d) To ensure timely delivery of mail in rural areas close monitoring of delivery in rural areas is done. Wherever necessary, review of mail arrangement in rural areas is done. Live Mail Survey is conducted to assess efficiency. Corrective steps are taken to remove any deficiency noticed. Proper co-ordination with State Road Transport Authority is maintained for smooth carriage of mails.